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Subject: RE: proposed zoning article - outdoor sales

Roland, The EDC does not support this initiative at this time. It has not been thoroughly vetted as an idea yet, and we therefore would regard this bylaw as premature.

The background is that it came up last fall as a follow-on to the Farmer's Market. Those advancing this by-law thought that the Farmer's Market opened the door to this kind of thing. We said 'not necessarily,' and asked for more information.

Our first impression of the proposal was that it needed input from two distinct areas:

- First, on the Town side, the police and fire departments at a minimum to determine the likelihood of obstructions to public safety on sidewalks, parking issues, etc.
- Second, within the business community, the input of rent-and-tax paying merchants in places like West Acton should be sought. We would not support this kind of legislation if the Chamber had not also had a chance to go over it.

We will hold our next meeting on the fourth, and we intend to discuss it then, but the upshot of that discussion is likely to result in tabling this matter until the next town meeting at the earliest.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Best Regards, Doug

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It is my understanding that this is an item that the EDC would recommend after discussing it last fall. Could the EDC - or a member - attend the 2/2 Planning Board public hearing on zoning articles, to explain reasoning, answer questions, etc.?

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